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VIA E-MAIL ONLY

Russ Kick
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Re: Your Public Records Request

Dear Mr. Kick:

I write in response to your public records request received on October 16, 2018¹ and made pursuant to the Massachusetts public records law, G.L. c. 66, § 10. In an October 15 e-mail to the Records Access Officer, you requested copies of records from the Office of the Attorney General (AGO), specifically as follows:

- 1) All INTERIM and FINAL/CLOSING reports, memos, and similar documents that your office has created regarding the Equifax breach.
- 2) All letters and similar correspondence sent to Equifax, informing them of your findings, requirements, etc.
- 3) All documents that Equifax has sent to your office in the course of the investigation/probe.

Please be advised that records responsive to your request relate to an ongoing investigation and related litigation. As such, the records in our possession and any identification of those records are exempt from disclosure under G.L. c. 4, § 7, cl. 26(f), as they are materials necessarily compiled out of the public view to avoid prejudice to law enforcement efforts and related pending litigation. Disclosure of these records would so prejudice ongoing and incomplete investigations by revealing the nature and extent of our information gathering to

¹ See Supervisor of Records Regulations at 950 CMR 32.03(3). See also 950 CMR 32.02 and 950 CMR 32.06(2)(e).



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both targets and other parties, and by revealing the direction that current or future investigations will take, such that it would not be in the public interest to do so.

You have the right to appeal this response to the Supervisor of Records pursuant to G.L. c. 66, § 10A(a), and to seek judicial review of an unfavorable decision by commencing a civil action in the superior court under G.L. c. 66, § 10A(c).

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'L' followed by a long horizontal stroke.

Lorraine A. G. Tarrow
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cc: Margaret Quackenbush, Deputy Press Secretary